

DRAFT MINUTES/UNAPPROVED

To: Parks & Recreation Commission Members
From: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Re: Parks & Recreation Commission Meeting May 16, 2016

Meeting was called to order by Chair, Mary Lou Stamp at 5:31pm.

I. Attendance:

Commissioners Present: Al Centone, Bob Kowalewski, Chris Pagan,
Susan Puzycki, Mary Lou Stamp

Commissioners Absent: Frank Montagna

Staff Present: Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation
Lynn Sadosky, Director of Public Works
Jennifer Klein, Secretary

II. Acceptance of Minutes:

Al Centone made a motion to accept the Minutes of March 21, 2016, seconded by Susan Puzycki. All were in favor and the Minutes were accepted unanimously.

III. Correspondence:

A request was received from April Beichner of The League of Women Voters Hamden-North Haven to set up a table at the Music Under the Stars concert series. The purpose of the table would be to provide the public with information about the League. They would also register voters and provide voter information. Susan Puzycki made a motion to discuss the request under New Business, seconded by Bob Kowalewski. All were in favor.

IV. Director's Report

Eileen Pettit, Assistant Director of Recreation

The 23rd Annual Fishing Derby took place on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street. Ms. Pettit reported that everyone who attended had a great time. The attendance was down a bit since Max Sinoway Opening Day was at the same time. Ms. Pettit gave a special thanks to the following for sponsoring and donating to the event: Tom Villano, McDonald's of Washington Avenue, Dunkin' Donuts of Washington Avenue, Dairy Queen of Whitney Avenue, Double J. Sound, DJ's Comics and Cards, Uncle B's Bait and Tackle, Southern CT Tackle, Town of North Haven Public Works Union, Fran's Learning Center, Scotty's Breakfast Connection, Antonios's Subs and Pizza, Carrano's Barber Shop, Gagliardi's Restaurant, Iconic Ink Management, Pepe's Pizza, and World Record Striper.

Summer registration has begun for both recreation and pool programs. Camps begin June 27th.

Pool hours are changing as of June 27th for the summer.

Pool and Recreation Center maintenance has been scheduled. The pool will be closed August 8- 14. The Recreation Center will be closed for programs and meetings August 15 – August 26th. The gym floor will be refinished September 1st and 2nd.

Reminder: Music Under the Stars will begin on Tuesday, June 14th and run through August 30th.

Lynn K. Sadosky, Director of Public Works

Public Works Field Operations commenced with field preparations for North Haven Youth Lacrosse on the Aces, Vanacore, Recreation and Middle School fields. Fields are needed through June 15, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced with field preparations for North Haven Boys and Girls Junior Varsity Lacrosse (BOE) at the Aces – Mill Rd Field through June 1, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced with field preparations for North Haven Soccer Club on Memorial, Rock Road and Ridge Road fields. Fields are needed through the summer months (July and August included for Summer Soccer Camps).

Public Works Field Operations commenced with the scheduling of the Recreational Special Olympics for the Vanacore Field Track through June 5, 2016 (Sunday's only).

Public Works Field Operations commenced with the field preparations for the Recreation Special Olympics for Green Acres softball field (Wednesday's only) through September 7, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced with the field preparations for Adult Recreation Softball at the Gateway Complex and Grover Wyman fields. Fields are needed through August 25, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced with the field preparations for North Haven Girls' Softball Sundown League for Gateway Fields 2 – 7. Fields are needed through July 31, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced with the field preparations for Max Sinoway Baseball at Montowese, Gateway, Green Acres, Clintonville School, Brook and Bailey Road fields. Various fields (not all) are needed through July 30, 2016.

Max Sinoway hosted its annual Opening Day Festivities at Montowese Fields on April 30, 2016. The event was well attended and a success.

Public Works Field Operations commenced with the scheduling for American Legion – Junior and Senior Leagues at the North Haven Sports Complex (DeMayo Field) and Bailey Road field. Fields are needed through July 29, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced with the scheduling for the North Haven Track (Runners) (BOE) for Vanacore Field Track through June 11, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced with the scheduling of North Haven Freshman / Middle Baseball / Junior Varsity Lacrosse (BOE) at Bailey Road field through June 1, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced scheduling for the North Haven Softball – (Varsity & Junior varsity), Baseball (Varsity & Junior Varsity) and Junior Varsity Lacrosse (BOE) for Brook Field and the Sports Complex (including DeMayo Field) through June 11, 2016.

Public Works Field Operations commenced scheduling for North Haven Boys and Girls Tennis (BOE) at the North Haven Sports Complex through June 11, 2016.

Public Works supported the efforts of the Annual Earth Day Celebration as sponsored by the North Haven Conservation Commission on Saturday, April 9, 2016 in the North Haven High School. The event was a success.

The Annual Fishing Derby was held on Saturday, April 30, 2016 at Chapman Sinoway Pond on Upper State Street. The event was well attended and a success.

Public Works along with BOE supported a Multi-town Electronics Waste Recycling Event at the High School parking Lot on Saturday, April 30, 2016 from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. The event was well attended.

The Annual May Market for the North Haven Garden Club was held on the Town Green for Saturday, May 7, 2016.

The Annual Memorial Day Parade has been scheduled for Saturday, May 28, 2016, along the Town Center and Town Green.

Animal Haven has requested the use of the Town Green for Saturday, May 21, 2016, for their Annual Tag Sale with a rain date of Sunday, May 22, 2016.

The Annual Fireman's Carnival will be held on June 17th through June 19th, 2016 at the North Haven Fairgrounds. The Showmobile has been approved for use by the North Haven Fire Department.

The 2106 Annual Summer Concert Series (12 concerts this year) is scheduled to start Tuesday, June 14, 2016 and continue each Tuesday evening through August 30, 2016.

On July 9th and 10th, 2016, the Showmobile will be transported to the North Haven Fairgrounds for use by the American Legion Riders – a motorcycle chapter of the American Legion dedicated to raising money for military families who have lost their loved ones since September 11, 2001.

On July 15, 2016, the Town Green has been reserved by the Pond Hill Baptist Church of North Haven for their Annual Movie Night on the Green. A rain date of July 16, 2016 has also been reserved.

USAELITE Softball has confirmed their sixth college recruiting softball event for July 15th – 17th, 2016. However, unlike the prior events (2011 to present), this event will be hosted on Bailey Road, DeMayo and Valley Brook Fields only. The event is once again expected to draw recruits, their families, coaches and members of the public to North Haven.

North Haven Congregational Church has reserved the Town Green for August 13, 2016, with a rain date of August 20, 2016.

Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) Grant Applications – Public Works has submitted grant applications to the State's Office of Policy and Management (OPM) on January 12, 2016. Applications related to Parks and Recreation include: Green Acres Elementary School Playscapes (all) (\$292,000); Refurbishment of Montowese Park Playscape, Bleachers, Fencing, Bathrooms, (\$381,646); and Bailey Road Baseball Field and Vanacore Practice Football Field (\$135,000).

STEAP Grant Approval for Vanacore Complex and Concession Stand – the Town received notification of an Award for \$500,000 from OPM to construct a new Concession Stand, Meeting Room and Bathroom Facility at Vanacore Complex and the Board of Selectmen approved of the necessary contract/paperwork. Ms. Sadosky received a call saying they can go ahead with the \$500,000 award that the Town received.

Community Bulletin Board and Upcoming Events:

- April 18th – April 24th – Animal Haven Tag Sale – to be held on Town Green on May 21st;
- May 16th - May 22nd – North Haven Congregational Church –Annual Pierpont Concert;
- June 6th – June 12th – North Haven Congregational Church Women's Fellowship Tag Sale;
- June 20th – June 26th – St. Teresa's Church for Annual Carnival;
- July 4th – July 10th – Hope Christian Church;
- July 11th – July 17th – Annual Movie Night on the Green (July 15th or July 16th) for Pond Hill Baptist Church;
- August 22nd - September 4th – Annual North Haven Fair at the Fairgrounds – the Fair will be held from September 8th through 11th;
- September 12th – September 18th – Shred Event for U.S. Wealth Management;
- October 31st to November 6th – North Haven Congregational Church – Women's Fellowship Holiday Bazar;
- November 14th – November 20th – Senior Center Holiday Bazaar - the Event will be held on November 18 & 19, 2016.

V. Old Business

None

VI. New Business

Meeting Dates: Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Dates through November 2017 were distributed and unanimously approved by the Commission members.

'Buy a Brick' program in honor of Connor Kusmit: A "Buy a Brick" in honor of Connor Kusmit has begun. The brick path will be at Grover Wyman Park. The bricks have been donated and a local contractor is donating the labor for the installation.

The League of Women Voters request for a table at Music Under the Stars: After a discussion among the Commission members, it was decided that Chairman Stamp will contact April to get additional information before the Commission makes a decision.

VII. Public Participation:

None

VIII. Adjournment:

Chairman Stamp asked for a Motion to Adjourn. Motion made by Bob Kowalewski, seconded by Al Centone. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:51pm.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 5:30pm.